

Fayetteville Street: Neighborhood Meeting for Input on Needs and Opportunities

Durham Targeted Commercial Areas Streetscape Project

The following comments were received and recorded during the Fayetteville Street neighborhood meeting held on April 7, 2008, for the Durham Targeted Commercial Areas Streetscape Project. The meeting was held in the Hayti Heritage Center located at 804 Old Fayetteville Street. Participants were asked to share their ideas regarding the types of streetscape improvements and enhancements they would like to see implemented along the Fayetteville Street corridor by responding to the following question:

“If I could improve the Fayetteville Street corridor, I would ...”

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install gateway features.• Install sidewalks including decorative brick pavers.• Install ramps at all street corners.• Install crosswalks with decorative brick pavers.• Install historic-style street lights.• Enhance the history and heritage of the area.• Install trees, landscaping and parking lot buffers.• Create more green-space.• Install more bus stops, lanes, and shelters.• Remove overhead wires and utility poles.• Improve the Lincoln Health Center frontage as a focal area for the community.• Provide more parking for local businesses.• Arrange cross easements with W.D. Hill Center to help local businesses access parking.• Make Fayetteville Street a center for heritage tourism and small business enterprise.• Make the street look and feel comfortable, attractive, safe, interesting, and stylish.• Buffer residential areas from businesses.• Reject plans to widen Fayetteville Street in the historic district (Umstead to Nelson).• Install decorative metal fences.• Support the local businesses. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage preservation of existing homes and expansion of local businesses.• Attract the types of new businesses that will serve the needs of the neighborhood.• Include design elements that tell the history of the neighborhood and its people.• Improve maintenance of streets and buildings.• Encourage reinvestment in homes and businesses.• Preserve and restore the neighborhood.• Improve and expand existing businesses.• Provide funding for business improvements.• Provide funding for home improvements.• Provide funding for senior care so they can remain in their homes.• Reject plans (NCCU and City) that displace residents.• Create inviting gateways to the area.• Improve street lighting, sidewalks and ramps.• Install public art and historic markers.• Provide more gathering places.• Install a lighted tunnel under Fayetteville Street so that NCCU students can cross safely (see Winston-Salem).• Be respectful of local history and heritage.• Involve NCDOT early in the planning and design of street improvements. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide better street lighting.• Remove the overhead wires and utility poles.• Make certain that Fayetteville Street does not become a freeway.• Address the flooding at Linwood intersection.• Highlight the history and heritage of the area.• Work with Historic Durham.• Work with NCCU archives and museum.• Make sure street improvements and new businesses fit and serve the neighborhood.• Resist plans that would displace residents.• Consider the Rothschild project when planning and designing street improvements.• Give special attention to the Lincoln Health Center.• Make certain of property ownership.• Reject plans to widen the street.• Install decorative historic-style street lights• Install brick or textured paving in crosswalks.• Provide more seating areas and benches.• Install brick in the sidewalks.• Focus on preserving and enhancing existing homes and local businesses.• Improve the sidewalks.• Increase police patrols (foot and bike).• Preserve existing homes and local businesses.• Improve sidewalks and ramps.• Improve pedestrian safety at street crossings.• Install more bus stops and bus shelters.• Preserve homes especially in the Historic District.• Ask input from residents on preferred new businesses.• Reject plans that propose widening Fayetteville Street.• Provide more parking for local businesses. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See NC147/15/501 "Corridor of Gateways" plan.• Maintain views to historic sites and buildings.• Install cross easements at W.D. Hill Community Center so area businesses can access more parking.• Coordinate construction of improvements so as not to disrupt the September festival.• Improve the street lighting.• Provide more recreation opportunities.• Install less pavement and more green.• Install markers and art along the corridor to celebrate icons (special people) of the neighborhood.• Improve public safety at Shirley Caesar Place.• Improve pedestrian comfort and safety.• Install lots of trees and landscaping.• Improve pedestrian safety.• Make the sidewalks wider.• Install more street furnishings (benches).• Be sensitive to the needs of local businesses. |
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